

**HYMN NOTES:**

**“O Beauty Ever Ancient” (650)**

This text begins with an echo of a famous reflection from Augustine’s *Confessions*: “Too late I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient and ever new! And, behold, you were within me, and I out of myself, and there I searched for you.” This hymn written in 2000 is not a lament but a celebration of an awareness of beauty that draws on a recurring phrase in Hebrew Scripture, “the beauty of holiness.” The author, Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020) was a native New Zealander who grew up Methodist and married a Presbyterian minister. Ten of her hymns appear in our *Glory to God* hymnal. Shirley wrote hymns that reflect everyday experience, locally, nationally and globally. She said, “I appreciate and relate to precise and clean language, as opposed to flowery and fudgy. I am, in knitting parlance, a plain rather than purl sort of writer. I like language that gives a jolt of reality.” Shirley died January 25, 2020

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, November 22:** Tracey Birch, Joshua Luther, Shayna Davis
- Monday, November 23:** Steve Fisher, Chris Means
- Tuesday, November 24:** Pete Towns, Jana Davis, Caitlyn Turner,
- Thursday, November 26:** Eric Curkan, Eric Briggs
- Friday, November 27:** Bree Greff
- Saturday, November 28:** Polly Hamilton, Fred Archerd, Linda Diamond



*If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by*



**Melissa Schultz**  
**In Loving Memory of Parents**  
**Mitchel & Lucille Skaff**



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. During this time when we are not meeting for in person worship, please send your information directly to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org)  
Please remember to mark “flowers” and the date on your \$30 donation.  
Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”*

**Philippians 4:4-6**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Wednesday Bible Study**, led by Cindy Huffman

A study of the Book of Matthew meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm through Zoom. The study guide being used is *The Immersion Bible Study: Matthew* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at [lucindy1@aol.com](mailto:lucindy1@aol.com) and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!

**Experiencing God Class**, led by Vicki Krueger

If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger via email at [vickilee33@aol.com](mailto:vickilee33@aol.com) and she will send you the meeting details each week.

**Fresh Brewed**

Fresh Brewed will meet on the first Friday of every month at 10:30am via Zoom. The next meeting is December 4th. The book we are studying is “Deeply Rooted; Knowing Self, Growing in God” by Christopher Marcie. Please contact Louise Mylin for a Zoom code and if you have any questions (727) 787-9868

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Citylight Schedule**  
**11/22 - 11/29**

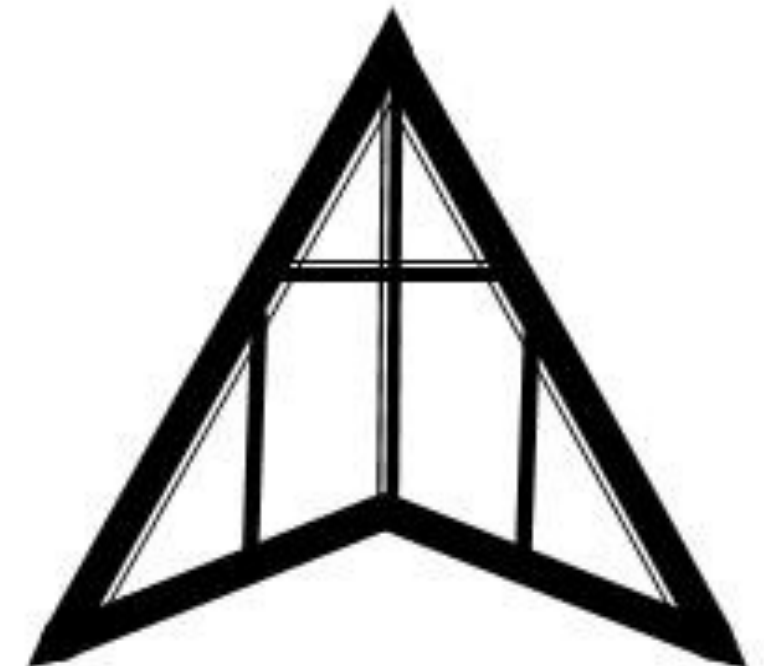
- ★ **SUNDAY 11/22**  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS  
8:30 PM - JACKBOX VIA ZOOM
- ★ **MONDAY 11/23**  
YOUTH & FAMILIES TRIP TO METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES 10:15 AM - 3:30 PM
- ★ **TUESDAY 11/24**  
7:30 PM CONFIRMATION CHAT VIA ZOOM  
8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 11/25**  
NO OUTDOOR CITYNIGHT, THANKSGIVING BREAK
- ★ **SUNDAY 11/29**  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS  
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS

**Follow the link to view our weekly email:**  
<https://mailchi.mp/1943b9075761/citylightupdate11-17-2020>

**Welcome To**  
**Northwood Presbyterian**  
**Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*

**November 22, 2020**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

**Ministers: All Members of the Church**

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Worship of God  
November 22, 2020  
Christ the King Sunday  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: The Lord is the gracious Giver of every good gift.

**People: The Lord is the generous Author of every blessing we receive.**

Leader: Hold fast to your hope without wavering,

**People: for God who has promised is faithful.**

Leader: Surely God is our salvation;

**People: trust in the Lord and do not be afraid.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Ode to Joy" arr. Andrew Duncan  
Celestial Handbells  
Claire Cantin, Ellis Cantin, Aaron McDermott, Skylar Weidner

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN "This Is My Father's World" TERRA BEATA  
Piano, Organ and Handbells arr. Vicki Hancock

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**This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas: His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father's world, oh, let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring! God reigns, let earth be glad.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

**Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted. Too often we place our wants and needs first, worried that there may not be enough. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CELESTIAL HANDBELLS "Funga Alafia" arr. Stephanie Carson  
Claire Cantin, Ellis Cantin, Aaron McDermott, Skylar Weidner

DUET "I Believe" arr. Stan Beard & Barry Tucker  
(with the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria")  
Dennis Rasmussen and Michele White

*I believe for every drop of rain that falls a flower grows.  
I believe that somewhere in the darkest night a candle glows.  
I believe for everyone who goes astray, someone will come to show the way.  
I believe, I believe!*

*I believe above the storm the smallest prayer will still be heard.  
I believe that Someone in the great somewhere hears every word.  
Every time I hear a newborn baby cry, or touch a leaf, or see the sky,  
Then I know why I believe!*

(*Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum:  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus et benedictus. Fructus ora pro nobis,  
Nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in ventris tui Jesus. Sancta Maria, hora mortis nostrae, Amen.*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #650 "O Beauty Ever Ancient" ANCIENT BEAUTY

**O beauty ever ancient, O beauty ever new,  
divine and Holy Presence, my being sings to you,  
in gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!**

**O beauty in creation, in world of sound and sight,  
O beauty in the silence, in darkness as in light,  
in gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!**

**O beauty that is movement in liquid line of grace,  
O beauty that is stillness in lovely form or face,  
in gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!**

**O beauty of the Spirit where love is shining through,  
O beauty ever ancient, O beauty ever new,  
in gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

VIDEO "I'm Thankful For..."

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 95:1-7 (NRSV)  
Philippians 4:4-9 (NRSV)

SERMON "The Two Places Where God Presides"  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #367 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR  
**Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,  
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;  
from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;  
give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in God's garner ever more.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.  
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:  
come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Now Thank We All Our God" David Cherwien

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

# IGNITE

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:00 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

**COUNTDOWN**

**WELCOME**

**CELESTIAL HANDBELLS**

"Ode to Joy"

Beethoven arr. Andrew Duncan

Claire Cantin, Ellis Cantin, Aaron McDermott, Skylar Weidner

**PRAISE SONG**

"Today Is the Day"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CELESTIAL HANDBELLS**

"Funga Alafia"

arr. Stephanie Carson

Claire Cantin, Ellis Cantin, Aaron McDermott, Skylar Weidner

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

"The Blessing"

**VIDEO**

"I'm Thankful For..."

**SCRIPTURES**

Psalm 95:1-7 (NRSV)

Philippians 4:4-9 (NRSV)

**MESSAGE**

"The Two Places Where God Presides"

Chris Curvin, Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

"Alive and Breathing"

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

*that Ignite Action!*